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OBSERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS BY SMALL INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Chinese consumer goods are flourishing in the Indian market during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the effects on Indian industries as a result thereof;

(d) whether Small Scale Industries Associations and Members of Parliament have raised objections in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): Government has been receiving information/representations from different sources that the import of Chinese consumer goods has increased in the country. A recent study has indicated that Chinese tyres, dry cell batteries, fibres, bicycles, chemicals, ferro-alloys, edible oil and electronics & components have entered the Indian markets in a big way.

(f): The Designated Authority appointed by the Government conducts Anti-Dumping investigations in India under Sections 9A, 9B and 9C of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of the Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995. As per these Rules, initiation of Anti-Dumping investigations is undertaken when the domestic industry files a fully documented petition to the Designated Authority with prima facie evidence of dumping, injury and causal link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury to the domestic industry.

However, under Rule 5(4) of the Customs Tariff Rules of 1995, the Designated Authority may initiate investigations suo-moto, if it is satisfied with the information received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act, 1962 or from any other source that sufficient evidence exists regarding dumping of the foreign goods, material injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the two.

So far as China is concerned, the Final findings have been recommended by Designated Authority in 25 Anti-Dumping cases, preliminary findings in 2 cases involving China and in 4 cases investigation is in progress.

In addition, the Ministry of Finance has also initiated suitable steps to counter the illegal inflow of Chinese goods.